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As this 1870 letter shows,

Mr. Clemson's advocacy of an

agricultural college began years

before he died.

Col. Jas. Ed. Calhoun

Pendleton June 24th /90

My dear Sir

The Ag. & Mech. Society of Oconnee which holds its sittings in Walhalla have invited me to give them a talk at their next meeting on the subject of Agricultural Colleges. That meeting comes off on the first Monday in July.

If you should feel so disposed you have time to write me a letter that I can read before the assemblage about the munificent donation you promised for the purpose under consideration.

It might have a good effect - for I understand the meeting will be large and attention is drawn to the subject in the Walhalla Courier which appeared yesterday in which article your name is honorably & pointedly used.

If they succeed in organizing such a institution as I would advise it will have the effect of enhancing your status in Oconnee Co.

Yours very sincerely
Thos. J. Clemson

Col. James Ed. Calhoun